



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6952

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR BURIAL IN A STATE
VETERANS' CEMETERY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-122b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) As used in this section, [(1) "Armed forces" includes the United
4 States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard or any
5 women's auxiliary branch thereof, organized pursuant to an Act of
6 Congress; and (2)] "veteran" means any person (1) honorably
7 discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from, active
8 service in the [armed forces] United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps,
9 Air Force or Coast Guard or any women's auxiliary branch thereof,
10 organized pursuant to an Act of Congress; (2) who has completed at
11 least twenty years of service with the Connecticut National Guard; or
12 (3) who was killed in action, or who died as a result of accident or
13 illness sustained while performing active service, with the Connecticut
14 National Guard.

15 (b) (1) Any veteran may, by letter or other communication

16 addressed to the commissioner, or by will, request that upon his or her
 17 death his or her body be buried in [said] a veterans' cemetery
 18 established pursuant to section 27-122a, or (2) the spouse or other next
 19 of kin may apply to the commissioner to have the body of such veteran
 20 buried in said veterans' cemetery, and in either case such request shall
 21 be granted.

22 (c) The spouse of any veteran shall, upon similar request or
 23 application made to the commissioner, be buried in said veterans'
 24 cemetery provided only one such request or application shall be
 25 granted.

26 (d) The commissioner shall designate an area in said veterans'
 27 cemetery for veterans who, for religious reasons, require burial in a
 28 consecrated area.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section	July 1, 2007	27-122b

Statement of Purpose:

To extend eligibility for burial in a state veterans' cemetery to certain members of the Connecticut National Guard.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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